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**Man...
Coach...
Teacher...
Friend...**

Eulogy...

HARMON A. SMITH

By Rev. Frank E. Dunn

August 18, 1981

A great and good man has left us. We gather here today not so much to express our grief, and that we will do, but more to express our gratitude to God for the life that was lived and for the great influence he had on young men over several generations.

For over the span of his long service to our schools he literally came in contact with hundreds of young men and boys and as their **Coach** he left an indelible impression on them.

Harm Smith knew the potential of each one of the members of his teams, and he took time to make certain, if there was any possibility at all that each lad would exceed his own potential. And many did and because they did they were better prepared for life than the average person was.

For Harm Smith knew better than anyone that this game he was teaching had principles of life within it, and if one of his boys accepted these basics, he could go on and become a most useful citizen and even a leader in his community. Yes, Harm Smith built men. There is no question about this fact.

He was ahead of his time so far as the game was concerned. Ideas, plays, defensive tactics came out of his mind which only recently have become a part of the techniques of the professionals. That teaching, instruction and good practice stood Agawam in good stead as they went to a Bowl game in the South and won it against a stronger team that came out of a good-sized institution.

Harm never wavered about the idea that these new concepts would work - he made them work, and his boys day in and day out in practice made certain these became successful as they readied themselves week after week for the opposition.

Harm Smith went beyond the game as he sought to help his graduates get into college on a full or partial grant because of their Agawam experience. He was also helpful to many of his boys who had personal problems that needed the advice from a man of his wisdom.

He was always approachable. He was the kind of man for whom his teams had great respect. There was no questioning the **Coach** - this was the thing he wanted done - so let's do it now and each time we get on the field.

One of his boys of some thirty years ago spoke as highly of Harm Smith as anyone could speak of another human being. Like the testimonials in the local press - these but a brief summation of praise for a great **Coach** in many fields, for his significant help given in so many ways to the almost countless numbers of young people who came to know and respect his leadership. This man spoke of General Creighton Abrams as one of Harm's products and the greatness of this General came in part because of the greatness of his **Coach**.

What more shall we say? God gave us a great servant, one whom we shall not easily forget. The Town we live in is much better for his having been here and many of his teams are speaking this day, and will so speak on the tomorrows, of what he did for each member, of how he gave direction to a life and to lives in the pursuit of his profession and life.

We, therefore, can thank God for men like Harm Smith and pray that others may come that our young people may be made ready for life, that a community may be lifted up to high levels of living and that the world may become a better place in which to live.



**Harmon Smith
1901 - 1981**

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Harmon A. Smith

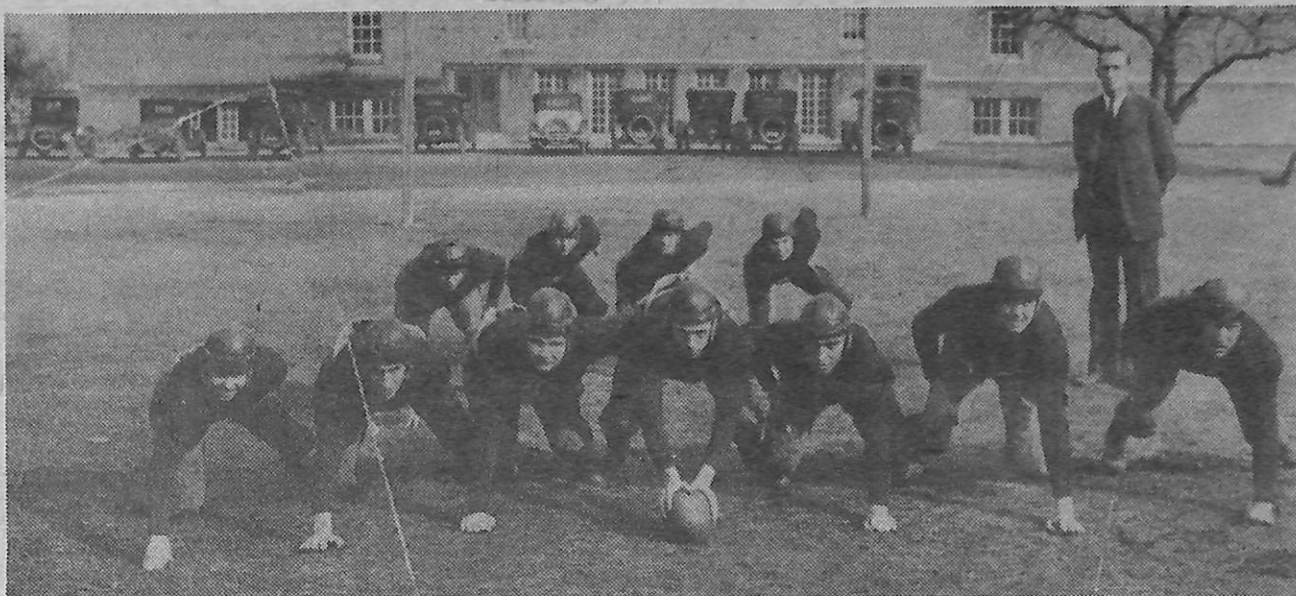
*His testimony to his election to the Massachusetts
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HARMON A. SMITH, (right corner) in 1925, was just a 24-year old coach in his second year at Agawam High School (in the background - now the Middle School). The cars also reveal how ancient this picture is. Can you name his 1925 ballclub in picture?



HARM SMITH DAY on November 18, 1948 against Turners Falls, which the Brownies won, 6-0 at old Memorial Field. Seated from left are Jerry Mason, Eddie Johnson, Harmon Smith, Tommy Knight and Libby Baldarelli.

Football Began & Ended With Harm Smith

Since the glory days of Harmon A. Smith, Agawam as a community has grown considerably.

Still, it's highly unlikely that the town will again witness the fire and enthusiasm generated by Agawam High School football, led by Harmon A. Smith from 1924 through 1956.

Nor, in all likelihood, will such a presence ever grace the community to so dominate his profession and affect so many lives over several generations.

Although Harm coached basketball, baseball, track, and golf and was the school's athletic director from 1956 through his retirement in 1969, he will be best remembered for his exploits on the gridiron.

For 31 years football in Agawam began and ended with Harmon A. Smith. He totaled 155 career victories including perhaps his most prized single win of them all, the 1951 Peanut Bowl Title when his team faced a much stronger opponent in Richmond, Virginia.

In the autumn months, old Memorial Field (behind the present day Middle School) was packed with upwards of 5,000 loyalists expecting the Brownies to win...winning was as much a part of Agawam football during those years as was Harmon A. Smith seen prancing the sidelines in his "Dapper Dan" attire of suit and hat, and overcoat if the November winds came early.

Harmon A. Smith coached some great ones, and some not-so-great-ones...he possessed that unique talent of tapping potential and reaching down to a boy's heart and grabbing his true grit.

Harmon A. Smith was mentor to Creighton Abrams back in the late 1920's. Mr. Abrams later became General Abrams and Chief of Staff for the U.S. Army.

Inducted into the Massachusetts Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1960, Harmon A. Smith was the last survivor of the original five members who were inducted.

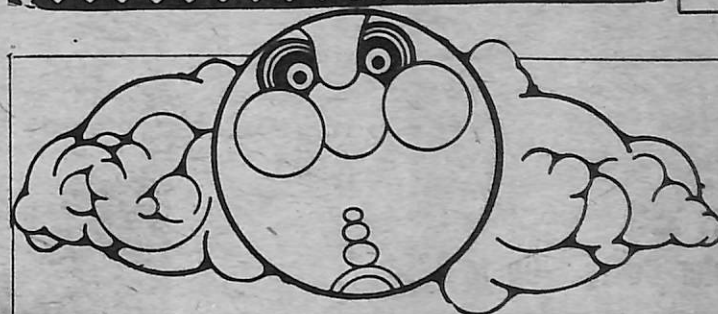
Four years before, the new high school football field was dedicated in his honor as a memento of his great skills as a coach and as a human being.

At his wake and funeral earlier this week, many of the oldtimers were present to pay their final respects to Coach. One comment stuck out among all others: "For sure, this was a man."

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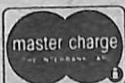
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Mikki's Kitchen



By Michelle Blair Pisano

This hot summer weather really makes everyone yearn for something cool and refreshing. This is the topic that came up between me and my aunt, Vi Massoia, while we were watching a ball game at Sacred Heart field.

"Mud Pie," said Vi, "is refreshing and easy. All you do is make it, freeze it, and take a piece whenever you want some." Her sons Scott, Blair, and B.J. all agree it is delicious.

MUD PIE

- 1 small pkg. Oreo cookies
- 1 jar hot fudge sauce
- 1 lg. container Cool Whip (room temp., mix well)
- 2 Tbl. butter or marg., melted
- ½ gal. softened coffee ice cream

Crush cookies finely in blender then mix with butter. Put into a 9"X13" pan. Pour ½ jar fudge sauce over cookie mixture. Spread ½ gal. of ice cream over fudge sauce. Pour rest of fudge sauce over ice cream. Spread lg. container of Cool Whip over fudge sauce. Freeze. Cut into serving pieces whenever needed.

At that same ball game, I spotted RoseAnn Quink. From past experience I know that RoseAnn always has an interesting recipe to share, and she was quick to respond with this tasty dish, which she said is "kind of a soup" her mother used to make and her whole family loved.

COLD BEET SOUP

- 2 cans julliene beets
- 3 cukes, halved and quartered
- Scallions (optional)
- 2 Tbl. white vinegar
- 4 or 6 hard boiled eggs
- ½ pint sour cream
- Onions (optional)
- Water (enough to make a soup consistency; try 2 cups to start)
- Dill (optional)

Mix ingredients and refrigerate at least four hours.

ENCORE To Host Senior Buffet



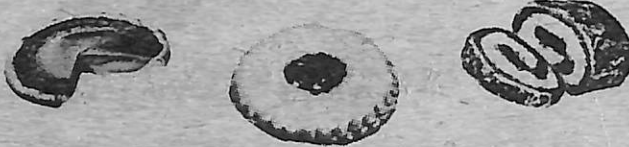
MR. AND MRS. BERNIER, of the Agawam Senior Center, are serenaded by ENCORE'S popular Sandy Hill. ENCORE, the new supper club on King Street, will be hosting a Senior Citizen Buffet this Sunday afternoon and the Bernier's arrived beforehand to get a private showing of what's ahead. Photo by Jack Devine.

My sons Michael and Patrick were anxious to share their views on what recipe I should contribute to this column. Poor Man's Fudge is their choice. This fudge is so easy even the children can make it themselves. To quote Michael, "This is excellent."

POOR MAN'S FUDGE

- 2 C. sugar
 - ½ C. milk
 - 4 Tbl. cocoa
 - 5 Tbl. butter or marg.
- Bring to a rolling for one minute; remove from heat; and then add the following.
- 3 C. oatmeal (any kind)
 - 1 Tbl. vanilla
- Pour into an 8"X8" pan and refrigerate.

Please send your request or a recipe along with comments about it so I can share them with our readers. Mail to me at 39 Norris Street, Feeding Hills.



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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Theodore A. Progulske, Chairman
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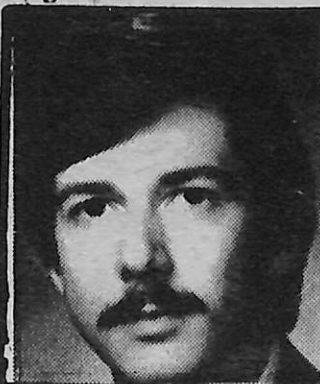
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A Part Of Life...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial
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Why Pre-Arrange A Funeral?

Talking about death is often difficult. Yet a death in the family may create problems for survivors which can sometimes be alleviated by discussion and pre-planning. Pre-arranging and sometimes pre-financing a funeral is a method some people choose to assist their survivors after death occurs.

There are many different reasons for pre-arranging a funeral. Some persons, especially those who are alone in the world, may want the assurance of a

funeral which meets their personal beliefs, standards or lifestyles.

Others feel a responsibility to assist survivors by arranging approximate funeral cost guidelines. Still others may have moved to distant places and may want to make sure that certain arrangements are heeded as to where the funeral and burial will take place.

The advantages or disadvantages of funeral pre-arrangements depend upon the individual circumstances and cannot be generalized. What may be satisfying for some could be impractical for others.

Before prescribing a definite kind of funeral or type of final disposition, it is always wise to consider and consult those survivors who will be most affected by the death. Grant them the opportunity to be active planning participants not just passive spectators. Remember, while the funeral is of the person who has died, it is for those who survive.

Discussing funeral arrangements in advance brings the subject of death in the open and the family is afforded an opportunity to mutually share their

thoughts about its important considerations.

Once the pre-arrangement is completed, the client receives a copy and the funeral director keeps one on file. The client should notify some responsible person that such an arrangement exists and where it may be found. Never leave a pre-arrangement in a safe deposit box or with a will, for oftentimes these details are not looked into until after the funeral.

Some who pre-arrange a funeral may want to pre-pay the entire amount or a fraction of it. It is important to note that a person making the payment can retain the right to terminate the contract at any time with reimbursement of the funds paid and earnings accrued.

In any event, in making a pre-arranged funeral agreement, it is highly desirable that you seek expert professional counseling from a funeral director. He will gladly assist you at no cost or obligation.

If, in your discussion, there are matters which go beyond his field, he will suggest you contact a person competent in that area. Always bear in mind, the funeral director is there to serve you.



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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jendza

Suffield Players Set Fall Production

The Suffield Players have announced that "Private Lives," a witty, scathing look at love and marriage, will be presented this fall. The Noel Coward play is the story of the chance meeting of a divorced couple who are honeymooning with new spouses.

Auditions will take place in early September.

"Private Lives" will be presented at Mapleton Hall on three consecutive weekends, running from October 23 to November 7.

For more information, please contact the Players at P.O. Box 101, Suffield, or Players' president Lyle Pearsons.

Jendza Marriage Announced

Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, was the setting on July 4, 1981, for the marriage of Jacqueline Mary Moran and Richard Paul Jendza. The Reverend Paul D. Burns officiated at the 11 o'clock double-ring ceremony.

Honor attendants were Darlene Y. Denny as matron of honor and John W. Jendza, who served his brother as best man.

Bridesmaids were Theresa M. Benjamin and cousin of the bride, Christine M. Budzynkiewicz. Ushers were brother of the groom Robert Jendza and brother of the bride Steven J. Moran. The ringbearer was Keith C. Jendza.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Moran of West Springfield. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Jendza of Southwick.

The couple greeted guests at a reception following the ceremony at the Dante Club, West Springfield. Upon their return from a honeymoon trip to New Hampshire, they will reside in Feeding Hills.

Cynthia Tatro Engaged To Bovat

Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Tatro of 58 Elbert Road, Agawam, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Cynthia Lucille to Donald Eugene Bovat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Bovat of 256 High Street, Agawam.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Agawam High School and earned an associate degree in business science from Southern Vermont College, Bennington, Vermont. She is employed as a secretary at Hamilton Standard, Division of United Technologies Corporation, Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Agawam High School and is employed as a general foreman for Fairview Fence and Pools in Chicopee.

The marriage will take place on Friday, October 1, 1982, in St. John the Evangelist Church.

Hi-Lighters Plan Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance at Stanley Park, Westfield, on Saturday, August 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The guest caller for this event will be Bob Leonard and Lyn Beatty will cue the rounds.



Chuck Cartello, left, and Randy Cushing, right, help Rich Weld, chairman, kick off the Firefighters' Association's drive for a replacement for its current ambulance. Photo by Jack Devine.

Firefighters Begin Ambulance Drive

Members of the Agawam Permanent Firefighters Association recently kicked off their drive to replace the town's present '76 ambulance with a new one to be purchased through private donations.

If a new ambulance can be purchased through private contributions, the department will be able to continue free ambulance service to town residents. Ambulance calls have risen steadily from 647 in 1978 to 1068 in 1980.

The Fire Department presently mans the ambulance on a 24-hour basis with 13 Emergency Medical Technicians and two paramedics.

Contributions in any amount can be sent to Agawam Permanent Firefighters Association, P.O. Box 911, Feeding Hills, 01030.

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Junior High School
7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 25th
Beautification Committee
Town Hall
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, August 25th
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12:30; & 1:30

Sat. August 22
Hi-Lighters Dance
Stanley Park
Westfield
7:30 p.m.

Sat & Sun Aug. 22 & 23
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"On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

Retiring after 32 years of banking service to the Springfield Institution for Savings is DAN FERIOLI of 209 Cooper Street. At the end of this month, Dan will be vacating his post as Assistant Treasurer and manager of the Agawam office, having worked his way up from messenger to teller and then to head teller.

One of the biggest changes Dan has seen over the years has been the transition from pen and ink entries to the current computerized transactions.

"I can remember when interest was only posted once every six months, and we would have to work late into the night with the bookkeepers to post interest," he commented.

No more late nights for Dan, unless he chooses them. He plans to devote more time to his unusual backyard garden, where he spends a great deal of his leisure time creating and nurturing his hand-grafted apples and other hybrids. Remember last year's JUMBO apples? (See column September 18, 1980)

Other plans include traveling with his wife GERALDINE and visiting his son ROBERT of Agawam and daughter CAROLYN HURLEY of Seabrook, New Hampshire. "We hope to spend much more time enjoying our four grandchildren now that Dan won't be working six days a week," adds his wife.

You've earned this retirement, Dan. Now relax and enjoy it.

JOHN & JUDY TIMMS of 38 Pleasant Drive, Feeding Hills, were enjoying a quiet dinner at the home of DIANE & LYMAN SIMPSON of 57 Valentine Street when - all of a sudden - there was a knock at the door and in burst forty happy, shouting friends from their camping group and the party was on! Their 25th anniversary party, that is.

The Timms were married 25 years on August 11th, and three days later, friends from all over the area joined in the surprise celebration.

"You could have picked them up from the floor," exclaimed hostess Diane, John's sister. "It all went very well."

Our congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

More and more local townspeople seem to be entertaining friends from abroad this summer. WALTER & GALILEA FORNI of 63A Paul Revere Drive will be showing their sister-in-law MARIA MANCHINI and her 16-year-old granddaughter AVA around for the next few weeks. The guests from Pasoro, Italy, will be dividing their time among the Forni's, their son RICHARD's, also in Feeding Hills, and their daughter DAPHNE CAVERY's, in West Springfield.

While staying with the Fornis, the Italian visitors will participate in upcoming trips planned routinely by the Pheasant Hill Village Social Club. Restland Farm and Lake George are scheduled for the near future.

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class KEVIN F. ABBEY, son of MR. & MRS. WELLINGTON F. ABBEY of 13 Broz Terrace has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, where he will train in telecommunications.

At the completion of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Kevin received a special achievement award and was also awarded the Honor Graduate Ribbon, which is given to those with an average of 94% and above. He is an honor graduate of Westfield Vocational School, where his major interest was in electronics.

We wish you the best of luck in the future, Kevin.

Belated birthday greetings go out to two very dear people. To a very special daughter whose love and support do not go unnoticed and to a welcoming friend who is always there when she's needed. I sincerely hope your birthdays were the beginning of a year that's filled with happiness.

Happy Birthday wishes are also extended to TILLIE ST. JOHN of 27 William Street, who celebrated with a small family party on the day that commemorated an undisclosed number of years since her birth. However old you may be, we wish you many, many more happy and healthy years.

Farewell to Town Manager RICHARD BOWEN who leaves Agawam this week to move on to law school at Suffolk University. Good luck in your future endeavors.

Congratulations are extended to incoming Agawam Education Association President ANDY BOWER on his recent marriage to bride KATHY. Best wishes go out to the lucky lady who finally snared this perennial bachelor!



DAN FERIOLI, retiring after 32 years at SIS.

"On The Clothesline."



A SURPRISE 25TH ANNIVERSARY party for Judy and John Timms. See "On The Clothesline."



The Florist's Touch

By Phyllis Hout
Feeding Hills
Florist

When plants do not thrive as well as they should, they often show visible clues as to what is ailing them. Once the plant's trouble is known, it usually can be corrected.

Novice houseplant growers, however, are often overzealous in looking for such troubles and trying to correct them. As soon as a leaf yellows or develops a brown spot, they run for a remedy.

In the majority of cases, the plant's problem is none other than a simple cultural fault. Here are some of the most common symptoms of poor culture. All can be corrected by changes in the growing methods.

Physiological adjustment occurs when a plant raised in the nearly ideal conditions of a temperature-controlled greenhouse or cool, shaded nursery field in warmer sections of the country is brought into the home. The plant suffers "shock," dropping a few usually older leaves as it adjusts to the new environment. This is particularly true of gift plants sold for the holiday seasons.

When this occurs, pull off the yellowed leaves and continue normal care, watering the plant regularly as needed. If leaf yellowing continues for a longer period than seems reasonable, move the plant to a place where the lighting is different and change the watering schedule.

Overwatering fills the porous spaces of the soil with water instead of air and thus prevents a plant's roots from getting oxygen it needs for proper growth. This lack of oxygen, usually accompanied by a leaching of soil nutrients, often damages roots and endangers the plant. Yellow leaves are signals.

To remedy oversaturated soil, withhold water until the plant almost wilts then gradually begin a new watering program. After a week or two, apply a water soluble houseplant fertilizer. If the plant is still doing poorly, repot it in fresh soil.

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For Senior Citizens...

New Beginnings

By Rita White

Well, someone said the right prayers because we've had a spell of cooler weather lately. I hope all of you people out there with gardens are sharing your excess with those who don't have their own. It seems no matter how closely we try to figure, we always have extra from our gardens, and it is terrible to waste any of it. But there are many people in apartments who don't have room for a garden or maybe don't have the gardening skills. So it is nice to share with them.

All you plant lovers, take heed. There will be a flower show at the Senior Center on Friday, August 21st, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have some plants that you would like to exchange for others or you just want to show some special plants off, bring them down. Also, if you have a sick plant, bring it down and there will be a clinic to try to help make plants healthy again. If nothing else, at least stop in and see some really lovely plants.

Don't forget that the chorus meets every Monday evening at 6:30. What better way to enjoy life than through music.

The drama group will not meet on August 25th, but instead will meet again on Tuesday, September 1st at the usual 10 a.m. We have some new members and it looks like there will be fun a plenty. Come along and join in.



New exercise classes will begin on Monday, September 14th, at 10 a.m. If you've been putting off exercising, here is a great way to get back in shape with friends and have fun doing it.

There are free eye examinations available for low-income seniors. For specific details and to make your appointments, contact either Dorothy or Margaret at the Senior Center. 786-0400, ext. 242.

There will be a chance for those of you who haven't tried the circle dancing yet to learn how. You can join at the center for special instruction. The dancing is every Monday from 1 to 3 o'clock. It isn't just fun; it's great exercise as well.

We hear the seniors had a great time when they took the trip to the Saratoga races. They even got a big surprise when the seventh race was announced as the Agawam Senior Race. If you haven't made one of the trips that the center offers, be sure to sign up.

The Golder Ager meeting held last week hosted a visitor from Annapolis, Maryland, Inez Crisafolli. We hope she enjoyed her visit and played Grocery Bingo along with the Golden Ager.

No entertainment has been planned for the next meeting as yet.

There will be a tag sale on September 26 and 27 at 194 Meadow Street, Agawam. Stop by to see what special treasures you can find.

We hope all you seniors have made your reservations for a NEW WRINKLE, the senior brunch to be held at the Encore. Sunday, August 23, will be the first such affair. It will begin at noon with a super brunch for \$6 followed by several hours of dancing to the "Music of Your Life." Be sure to make your reservations now as you don't want to miss this fun time.

OBITUARIES

William E. McCarthy

William E. McCarthy, 62, of 1132 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, died Sunday, August 16, 1981, in Mercy Hospital.

A retired salesman and credit manager for Lerner's Department Store of Worcester, he had lived in Agawam for eight years and was a member of the VFW Post 1632 as an Air Force veteran of World War II.

He leaves two daughters, Pamela Soucy and Lynn-da Lacouix, both of Oxford; his mother, Mary L. McCarthy of Agawam; four brothers, John of Grafton, Robert of San Jose, California, Butler of Phoenix, Arizona, and Richard of Wilbraham; two sisters, Muriel Conkey of Agawam and Evelyn Poirer of Feeding Hills.

Curran Jones Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Gregory M. Paquette

Gregory M. Paquette, 23, of 33 Wrenwood Lane, Agawam, died Tuesday, August 18, 1981, in Mount Sinai Hospital, Hartford, after sustaining multiple injuries in a one-car accident Monday night in Suffield.

Born in Holyoke, he had lived in Agawam ten years and was a 1975 graduate of Agawam High School. He was enrolled at Holyoke Community College in their accounting and business administration course. He had been a member of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his parents, Carlton and Claudette (Vaillancourt), and a brother Douglas.

Colonial Funeral Chapel, Agawam, was in charge of services with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

Jacob F. Szewczyk

Jacob F. Szewczyk, 83, of 1050 Suffield Street, Agawam, died Friday, August 14, 1981, in Baystate Medical Center, Wesson unit.

Born in Poland, he had lived in Agawam for 22 years and was a retired machinist for U.S. Envelope Company. He was a member of the Polish American Club of Agawam and a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Springfield.

The widower of Felicia (Statkun) Szewczyk, he leaves two sons, Edward and James; a daughter, Theresa Charkiewicz of Agawam; two sisters, Tesie Kerr of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Stella Paulick of Long Beach, California; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Curran Jones Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee.

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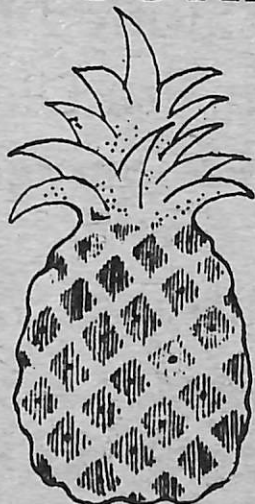
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EDITORIAL

Bowen Set To Leave Town

At Monday's council meeting, Town Council voted unanimously to push Town Manager Richard J. Bowen's resignation from an effective date of September 30 to September 1.

We view this action as a good policy move.

By their action, the council seems intent on expediting the search for a new town manager in the month of September and perhaps even finding a candidate to fill the vacant seat prior to the November election.

Getting on with the business of the town under an acting manager who will remain in the community rather than leave it, councilors maintain, was more desirable than staying with the present situation until September 30.

Since announcement in late July of his resignation from the manager's job to attend law school this fall, Mr. Bowen has worked diligently in the position, despite the fact that, for all intents and purposes, the administration was a lame duck in political terms.

During his short tenure here, Mr. Bowen was known as a hard-working administrator. He has several accomplishments to his credit since arriving at Town Hall last October. The town owes him thanks for his dedication.

We also wish Mr. Bowen well in his future at law school or wherever his fortunes take him.

As for the council, we are sure they will appoint an acting manager to take the reins immediately after September 1 and we can now begin the end of the summer months with a new initiative for autumn.

A Salute To Harmon S. Smith

The town lost one of its great men of this century last weekend when former Agawam High School athletic director and football coach Harmon A. Smith passed away.

Mr. Smith began his career at the high school in 1924. He spent five decades of coaching, teaching and befriending hundreds of youngsters.

His philosophy was basic: hard work, dedication and execution of the fundamentals.

In 1960 he was inducted into the Mass. High School Coaches Hall of Fame after 31 years on the gridiron and 155 victories.

Mr. Smith truly was a unique and remarkable individual and those fortunate enough to have met and worked with him are better off today for it.

STATEMENT BY STATE SENATOR ALAN SISITSKY

Several factor which were not present on July 14th have since intervened and forced me to reconsider my announced intention to resign.

First, there has been an overwhelming and completely surprising response from many people throughout Massachusetts urging me to remain in the State Senate, including Judge Paul Garrity of the Superior Court, the Citizens for Participation in Political Action, and individual citizens representing a cross-section of political views and philosophies.

United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy wrote me a congratulatory note on my being named as the "Legislator of the Year" by the Massachusetts Bar Association, on June 20th. Senator Kennedy said, as follows: "This is a great honor, Alan, and one which you have earned by your outstanding record of public service and by your leadership of the Joint Judiciary Committee of the Senate."

I wish to continue this record of public service which also prompted the Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union to give me their annual award on May 31st for outstanding contributions to the protection of civil liberties.

Secondly, the citizens who elected me to the State Senate by a margin of seventy-two percent of the vote in 1980 from the Second Hampden and Hampshire District in Western Massachusetts, which I represent, have also expressed a determination that I serve the remainder of my term.

My decision is necessary to honor my obligation to them and to avoid precipitating a vacancy which will mean a period of time during which they would be unrepresented in the State Senate and to avoid substantial costs in the sum of forty thousand dollars for both the primary and the election, which would be incurred by the holding of a special election to fill that vacancy.

Thirdly, certain of my legislative achievements, secure apparently on July 14th, now are in danger of being subverted by actions of the State Senate. My responsibility is to see that these achievements are not eroded. For example, the preservation of the integrity of the Housing Court Department must be maintained.

Fourthly, the budget process this year was so tightly controlled and so undemocratic in the State Senate that I would like to work for reform of the procedures and practices which so diminished the role of each individual senator and so damaged the reputation of the institution of the State Senate.

My presence will also guarantee that the public interest is represented in any deliberations on pending auto insurance legislation.

In the fifth place, I wish to fulfill a personal commitment to a fine law school on the West Coast which is depending on me to teach their students in the fall term.

The University of Puget Sound Law School in Tacoma, Washington, is a relatively new and fully accredited institution of legal education with an excellent dean, outstanding faculty, and a challenging student body.

I am eager to make my contribution to the University of Puget Sound Law School's development.

The University of Puget Sound Law School is part of the new Norton Clapp Law Center, dedicated in September, 1980, by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the United States Supreme Court.

The Law Center includes the State Court of Appeals, offices for government agencies and private law firms. The Law School takes full advantage of its proximity to the key proponents of the legal profession with an academic program which combines traditional law school teaching with ready access to outstanding judges and members of the Bar.

Dean Fredric Tausend, a graduate of the Harvard Law School and a prominent member of the Seattle Bar, has graciously allowed me to teach a full course load in the fall term as a Visiting Professor of Law and still spend the necessary time in Massachusetts to fulfill my legislative duties.

This unique opportunity to teach law at a fine law school and to continue to serve in the Massachusetts State Senate made possible by the cooperation of Dean Tausend of the University of Puget Sound Law School is greatly appreciated and will allow me to serve the remainder of my term in the State Senate.

I will teach Insurance Law and State and Local Government Law.

As Senate Chairman of the Joint Judiciary Committee for nearly five years, I had worked to change the laws of Massachusetts to improve the administration of justice.

As a law professor, I will also have the opportunity to help instill in a new generation of attorneys a desire to further improve our judicial system.

Letters to the Editor

Care Urged On Train Tracks

To The Editor:

This is an open letter to my fellow parents:

It's Tuesday morning - 9:50 a.m. to be exact. I just crossed the railroad crossing at Strathmore Paper and I saw you do it. You played chicken with a 90-plus car freight train. This time you won; how about next time?

You had your beautiful 12-year-old daughter with you. Oh, that great beautiful child with her bright shining face, her delicate figure, her fantastic athletic ability, her musical talent, and her outstanding academic record. She has a whole lifetime ahead of her!

And how about you? You're just 32 years old. You've got three kids, a mortgage, two cars, a loving husband, and are the envy of many of your neighbors - always well groomed, bright-eyed (maybe that's where your daughter gets it from). You're active in several civic organizations and are known throughout the town as being a fantastic person whom friends can depend on.

Now think about what they might say after you've gone. "She was so intelligent, how could she have done such a foolish thing." Your husband and kids are left behind in grief. You took your 12-year-old with you.

Just consider: it took that train over ten minutes to pass. Not much time in a lifetime. Even if you were ten minutes late for your appointment, no one would have been threatened with death. Yet you threatened yourself and your daughter with death to save ten minutes.

Suppose you stalled the car or any one of a multitude of things caused you to remain in the path of that train. You only missed it by a few feet!

The railroad has put up lights and two gates to hold traffic when a train approaches the crossing. The law requires you to stop, not go around the gate. If you're caught doing this foolish action, the penalty can be a ticket and fine if you win and if you lose the race? DEATH!

Someday we're all going to be dead for a long time, but it's not our decision to determine when. Think about it! Is it really worth the risk?

Another Parent Who Cares

Desmond Replies To Critics

To The Editor:

To my critics Mssr. Gallano, LoMonaco, and Mrs. Hebert...you're out of touch. I received many more orchids than onion recipes to my letter of July 30.

I think it only fair to ask where were you gentlemen when the council and manager cut the Parks and Recreation from the budget? Where were you when the town damn near took the bait on the airport property? Where were you when Westman wanted to make a town dump out of the airport property? Where were you when Westman was firing employees without just cause? Where were you when the Caputo investigation was in progress? Where were you when the citizens of this town were being denied the right to petition?

I know where the Citizens for Good Government were - up front like always.

The Attorney General never refused to listen to our complaints. The Attorney General joined our case in the Civil Service controversy against the town and Manager Westman and we won. In fact, if you are keeping score, the town has yet to win.

The District Attorney, just recently, strongly recommended to the council that the council engage a lawyer to investigate the complaints involving this year's budget. That the complaints filed with his office were criminal "in nature." But the council, spearheaded by Gallano, refuses to hire a lawyer to investigate themselves, but appropriated five thousand dollars to hire an accountant to research the sewer and water accounts to prove Moreno wrong. How come?

The water and sewer account, combined, was not the issue. Only the water account. Our position is that the water account financial records show that this account has had a surplus for the past five years. Mr. Stone, the author of the financial report for the water department, says so in his report to the citizens of Agawam. His report was certified and the books closed. Now, has Mr. Stone not been truthful with us? Is Gallano going to spend five thousand dollars to reopen the books and begin another new accounting procedure in hopes to prove Moreno wrong?

If Gallano and LoMonaco think that the Citizens for Good Government represent disruptions, innuendos, dirty tricks, and questionable accusations, then I urge them to pick up a copy of the council's executive session investigation into Manager Caputo's credibility. Would you believe that the University of Massachusetts is "kind of a diploma mill" and that Boston College sold degrees to lawyers? One councilor does and it's part of the record.

Talk about dirty tricks, questionable accusations, and innuendos. We couldn't hold a candle to them.

D.J. Desmond

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Joint Chambers Plan Outing

The first West-of-the-River Get-Together for members of the Agawam and West Springfield Chambers of Commerce will be held on Thursday, September 10th, at 4 p.m. at the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Club on Morgan Road, West Springfield. The price for this event alone is \$15.

The outing will be preceded by a special golf bonus for a limited number of players at Crestview Country Club on Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Tee-off times will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Price for the golf and outing is \$35.

The afternoon outing will start with softball between the two chambers and will be followed by games and other sports. Between 4:30 and 6 p.m., free beer and wine will be available along with cheese and crackers, clam chowder, and fresh fruit.

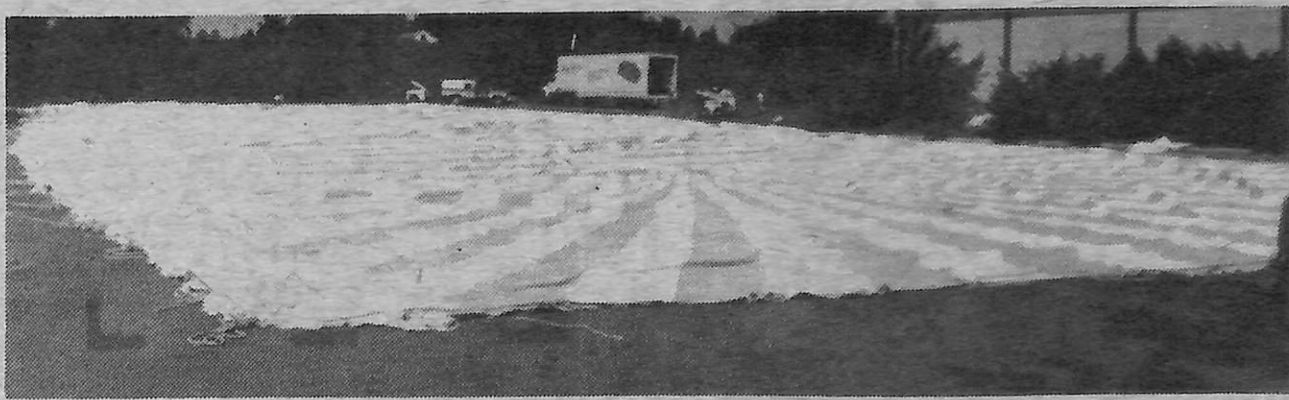
A barbequed steak dinner, complete with tossed salad, baked potato, corn on the cob, and watermelon, will be served buffet-style beginning at 6 p.m. Organist Paul Gamelli will entertain and prizes will be awarded.

Co-chairmen for Agawam's participation are Robert Crowley of Downey, Sweeney & Fitzgerald, and Anthony Grimaldi of Community Savings Bank.

Tickets may be obtained by calling 734-5671. Early reservations are advised for those planning to play golf.

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Turnverein Prepares For Octoberfest



MEMBERS OF THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVERIEN PITCHED THEIR HUGE tent for this weekend's German Festival on their Garden Street grounds. Photo by Jack Devine.



THE OCTOBERFEST COMMITTEE: From left, Wally Cardin, Gerry Ledger, Paul Dietrich, Dottie Caron, Lloyd Jack (Chairman), Mary Jane Hastie, Bill Beaman, Marty Lehberger, Wilma Gillan and Barbara Loos. Photo by Jack Devine.

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SCHOOL NEWS



ACADEMY OF ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE SENIOR WORKSHOP DANCERS

Local Dancers National Champs

By Joanne Brown

There are many ways Agawam has been put on the map, and a local group of entertainers has done it with style once again.

The Senior Workshop performers from the Academy of Artistic Performance here in Agawam recently copped first place honors at the national "American Youth On Parade" competition held at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, earlier this month.

These fourteen talented teens entered five events in

which 50 to 80 groups on the average competed, displaying talent in various divisions according to type and age classification.

With a snappy, 2½-minute dance routine performed to "Bye, Bye, Blackbird," our local girls became National Dance Line World Champions. Their performance was judged on choreography, general effect, and precision.

They also managed to place second in the Pom Pom division, which consists basically of a Dallas Cowboys' Cheerleaders-type routine performed to dance music. In addition, they won a third place in cheerleading competition and an 8th and 11th in two dance twirl events.

"The kids were ecstatic with these results," claims Nancy DeCosmo Locke, who, along with Debbie Calabrese, provides the fundamental instruction and inspiration for these girls. "The competition was really tough, especially with so many groups participating," she adds.

Not to be outdone by their senior counterparts, the Junior Academy Performers, a groups of seventeen 9 to 12 year olds, entered three events and scored creditably in all of them. These girls placed second nationally in the PomPom classification and third in both Dance Line and Dance Twirl.

The Dance Twirl division is rapidly becoming one at which Nancy Locke's groups perform with excellence. The Junior Performers executed an almost flawless 2½-minute routine to "Jump, Shout Boogie" while simultaneously twirling batons in order to take their standing as one of the top three groups competing in this national/international gathering.

Several Agawam girls also entered individual competition where they tallied impressive scores. Melanie Moodie of Coronet Circle was declared first runner-up for World PomPom Girl of the Year in addition to earning a 6th place in solo baton and a 7th in flag baton.

Stacie Koretz of Autumn Street scored fifth in Novelty Dance and 12th in the division to choose Novice Miss Majorette of American, in which she represented Massachusetts.

Jennifer Robinson of Briar Cliff Drive earned 7th place in the Juvenile World Jazz event.

Two talented young teens - Joanne Pallotta of Keating Lane and Kelly McNamee of Sylvan Lane - teamed up for a duet event in which they won 7th place. Joanne went on to win 7th in the Two-Baton event and 9th in solo. Kelly earned an 11th in solo.

"We're very proud of our girls who represented us and their state so well," declares Nancy Locke. "Aside from their laurels, they've gained lifetime memories of traveling 1500 miles together, visiting one of the greatest educational institutions in America, and sharing a week of competition with students not only from across the United States but from several other countries as well."

Mrs. Locke gave credit to the all-out effort put forth by many parents to raise funds necessary to finance this trip.

"Parents worked very hard at fundraising, particularly Mrs. Anita McNamee, who served as unofficial chairman and treasurer. Their effort enabled us not only to participate at Notre Dame, but also to visit Niagara Falls, Canada, and Hershey Park, Pennsylvania," explains Mrs. Locke.

If we consider the old Thomas Edison adage about success being 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration, perhaps this organization has changed the formula somewhat. Without denying the girls one ounce of their commitment to excellence in performing, we must also recognize the behind-the-scenes determination of their teachers and parents. Congratulations to all concerned on a job exceptionally well done.



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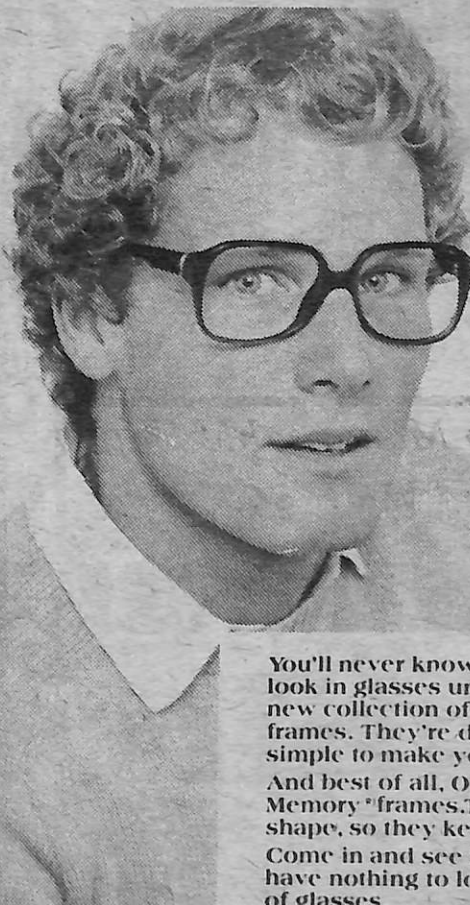
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Local Equestrians Take Top Prizes In 4-H Horse Show

The Hampden County 4-H Fair Horse Show, held August 1st on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition, saw many local equestrians winning top awards for their performances in the various categories.

All division classes were full and very competitive. Junior exhibitors were 9-13 years of age, and senior exhibitors are 14-18 years old.

Lori Turcotte of Feeding Hills claimed second prize in the Fitting and Showmanship, English Senior, class. Katie Beth St. Hill also of Feeding Hills took first prize in the Fitting and Showmanship, Walk Trot class.

For Equitation, English Senior class, Kris Jackson of Agawam won second place, and Katie Beth St. Hill again won first place for the Equitation, Walk Trot event.

Kris Jackson scored again with a first place in Pleasure, English Senior class, and Katie Beth St. Hill took her third award for the Pleasure Walk Trot competition.

Kris Jackson claimed a second place in the Trail, English Senior event, and Rosella Cloutier of Agawam took first in the Trail, Western Junior class.

Kris Jackson took the English Senior division and Katie Beth St. Hill took the Walk Trot Division.

The 4-H horse program is available to the public without regard to race, color, or national origin.

Laughing Brook Events

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring a day long trip to the Berkshires on Saturday, August 29. Participants in this leisurely, but detailed look at a remote Audubon sanctuary in Shelburne known as High Ledges will carpool leaving Laughing Brook at 9 a.m. and returning by 4 p.m.

High Ledges Manager Ellsworth Barnard will host the trip through land he donated to the Massachusetts Audubon and with which he is well versed. Staff Naturalist Tom Tynning is the other co-leader.

The Natural History of High Ledges trip is open to the public, but reservations are required and a fee will be charged.

On Thursday, September 3, at 10 a.m., Laughing Brook will sponsor a workshop on Bazaar and Holiday Herbs under the instruction of Mary Dupuis of West Springfield.

This workshop will show participants methods of using herbs to make items for gift giving or selling. As usual, a variety of quick herbal dishes to be sampled will be provided.

This workshop is open to the public, but reservations are required and a fee will be charged.

For more information on either of these programs, call Laughing Brook any day at 566-8034.

AHS Class Of 1936 Plans Class Reunion

Agawam High School Class of 1936 is planning its 45th year reunion for October 10th. Dinner and social will be held at the Oak Ridge Country Club, Feeding Hills.

Reservation forms have been mailed to all class members, and the committee requests that they be returned as soon as possible, not later than September 25th.

If there is anyone with questions regarding this event, individuals may contact the following members of the committee: James DeVecchi, chairman; Ethel (Smith) Gibson, Anna (Massa) Schneider, Doris (Rouillard) Catchepaugh, Catherine (Shaer) Keefe, Carolyn (D'Mato) Capitanio, and Vincent Gallerani.

Committee members are also open to suggestions that might help make this a memorable event.

Big E Offers Jobs

Nearly 3,000 temporary jobs will be made available to area residents during the annual Eastern States Exposition scheduled for September 16-27. More than 1500 workers will be hired through the Division of Employment Security, and an additional 1500 will be hired by individual concessionaires and exhibitors.

A variety of jobs for short term employees will be available this year including sales people, cooks, general laborers, waiters, waitresses, and clerical workers.

The Division of Employment Security is now accepting applications and is conducting interviews at its 1592 Main Street, Springfield, office. A special employment office trailer will be located at Gate 4 near the Brooks Building on the Big E grounds beginning Tuesday, September 8th through the duration of the fair. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

The Big E is the largest employer of temporary help in this area and contributes approximately \$10 million to the local economy through hotel/motel bookings, restaurants, fuel stations, and other services required by the million-plus fairgoers.

Local Students Attain Bryant College Dean's List

Christopher G. Cardone of School Street, Agawam, and Antonette M. Contrino of Line Street, Feeding Hills, have both been named to the Dean's List at Bryant College for last spring's semester.

Bryant is located in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

Juniors Slate Annual School Bus Tour

Agawam Police Safety Officer Alfred Longhi in conjunction with the Agawam Junior Women's Club will offer a School Bus Safety Orientation on Friday, August 21st for children who will be riding school buses for the first time.

Sgt. Longhi urges parents to bring their children to the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library for a "Winnie-the-Pooh" safety filmstrip. The Juniors' Safety Bug will then take the children outside for instruction on how to wait safely for and board the school bus.

This filmstrip will be shown at 10:30, 11:30, 12:30 and 1:30 with the bus ride immediately following.

Open to kindergarten students and all other new bus riders, this program is designed to acquaint students with the layout of the bus and the appropriate safety rules before that important first day of school.

Registration Of New Students

Elementary and Middle School principals will be in their offices on August 31, September 1, 2, and 3 for registration of new students from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Guidance personnel at the Middle School will also be available during this period.

Junior High School guidance staff and principal will be available on the same days along with September 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for registration of new students or conferences.

High School guidance staff and principal will be available on all of these days from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for registration and conferences.

Free Family Films

For Bogart fans, the Agawam Public Library will present a showing of the classic film *The African Queen* on Thursday, August 20, at 7 p.m. This film will be shown free of charge and lasts approximately 105 minutes.

On Thursday, August 27, the library will show the silent film *Phantom of the Opera*, the first filming of the melodramatic tale of an embittered, disfigured composer who haunts the sewers below the Paris Opera House. It last approximately 85 minutes and will begin at 7 p.m.

Band Schedules Car Wash

The Agawam High School Band Parents Association will hold Car Washes on August 22 and again on August 29 from 9 to 5 o'clock at the Agawam Middle School, Main Street. Proceeds will benefit the band.

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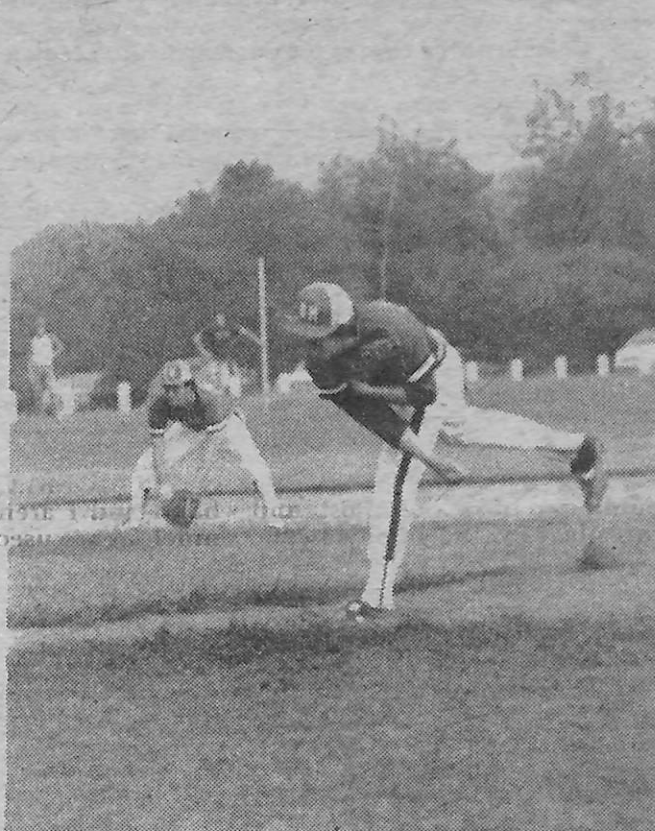
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SPORTS



SPARKPLUG SHORTSTOP LOU CONTE strokes a base hit during action against Union Auto Parts. Photo by Jack Devine.



HURLER JIM IRZYK, who twice whitewashed Union Auto Parts in the semi-finals, uncorks a fastball during last Friday's playoff opener. Photo by Jack Devine.

O'Malley Takes Union In Three

By Charles J. Duclos

The word domination best applies to the exploits of young Jim Irzyk.

The Westfield native, ace of the Holy Cross College staff last spring, continued his playoff mastery over the Union Auto Parts in leading the O'Malley Printers to a 5-0 victory and a berth in the Tri-County's championship final against the top-seeded Chicopee Falls Tigers.

Irzyk fired a two-hit shutout at the frustrated Auto Parts men last Friday night and followed with a nifty five-hitter in Tuesday's rubber match of a best-of-three series. Union took game two, 2-1, in a series that highlighted the importance of pitching in the playoffs.

Irzyk struckout just two, but those came in the sixth after Union's Jeff Altman and Bob Foley had stroked singletons in the sixth frame.

O'Malley's got all the offensive support he needed with a five run fifth inning. John Plante belted his second double of the pressure-cooker and reached the plate on Steve Moge's single.

Lou Conte reached on a fielder's choice and Jeff LaBranche walked before Holyoke native Jack Dougherty ripped a two-run single, opening things up for Irzyk.

In Friday night's playoff opener at Shea's Field, Irzyk manipulated the opposition masterfully by scattering three hits, three walks and three whiffs during the fine performance. Rick Mastroianni and Dave Stefano tallied in the second frame on catcher Mark Guindon's driving triple and that was all she wrote.

In game two, played at Blunt Park, O'Malley's efforts to cross a man were frustrated by Union's tough pitching and defense. O'Malley had the golden opportunity to break things open in the first frame with a bases-loaded-and-none-out situation, but Union survived the threat without allowing a run.

O'Malley's tallied their lone run in the second when Lou Conte sacrificed Andy Paine home with the bases filled again. But the locals' failure to capitalize with the table set for the second consecutive inning lifted Union to a 2-1 win.

Mike Riley was the tough-luck loser. "Snake" afforded one run in the fourth and a heart-breaking homer in the seventh to bring the series to a 1-1 deadlock. Mike was credited with seven strikeouts and allowed just four hits for his labors.

The locals and Coach Don Irzyk, (Jim's older brother) now head for the finals with Chicopee Falls, and their hard-hitting lineup.

At presstime, game one was scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th at Szoat Park in Chicopee with Coach Irzyk on the mound against Jim Croteau who is 3-0 for the Tigers. Irzyk's mark stands at 6-3 for O'Malley's.

BENCH BITS: The squad has been playing well over the past several weeks, and it showed during the Union series. "Sweet Lou Conte" at shortstop must be credited with supporting the O'Malley hurlers with some excellent play on defense. Another Agawam native, John Plante, who smashed two doubles Tuesday night, also has been turning in some excellent ball at the hot corner. Mark Guindon behind the plate also merits a hero's halo.

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Local Ball Fans Lose Interest After Strike

By Rita White

On June 14th, a major catastrophe hit the United States. The professional baseball players of America went on strike.

Baseball is called the national pastime of America. How would we survive? What was it all about? Would our husbands sit in front of blank television screens waiting for the strike to end? Who would our baseball-playing children have to look up to? What would the bubble gum/baseball player card manufacturers do?

Would the beer and pretzel vendors at the ball parks have to sign up for unemployment and eventually welfare? Would Howard Cosell forget some of his formidable vocabulary? What would happen to all the bookies with no World Series to gamble on?

Obviously, many more people than just baseball players and owners were affected by the strike.

It is difficult for the average working man to imagine how there could be all this commotion about salaries, free agents, etc. when we know how much money professional athletes and franchise owners earn. It has to make us wonder about the heroes our children have to look up to. Is there no end to the fight for that last buck?

It is even difficult to put the blame in only one place. The fault lies in many areas. We could argue all day about who is right, who is wrong, and what the outcome should be.

Now, seven weeks after the beginning of the strike, we are once again watching baseball and still amidst controversy over the split season. But are all the same people watching baseball? Did baseball hurt itself in the long run?

We talked to a few people here in Agawam, and these were some of the reactions.

None of the people we spoke to felt that the strike was reasonable. Fred Flatham of Feeding Hills felt that the players were perhaps more at fault, but that both sides were stubborn.

Bob Johnson thought the strike was "stupid" and for this year anyway, is through with the sport.

Gabe Hopkins of Agawam wasn't as upset by the strike as her husband was, but now, even though it is over, they aren't watching as much baseball as they did before.

Harold Allen of Agawam felt both sides were at fault, but it seems nothing can dampen his enthusiasm for the game.

Denise Fitzgerald tells us she and her husband won't go to a baseball game now, and Danny Taupier felt that both sides were wrong and cares less for the game now. Taupier felt that the strike really hurt the paying public who, after all, does in pay the salaries of those players and owners in the long run.



DANNY TAUPIER - "paying public is hurt the most and cares less for the game now."



GABE HOPKINS - "My husband and I aren't watching as much as we used to."



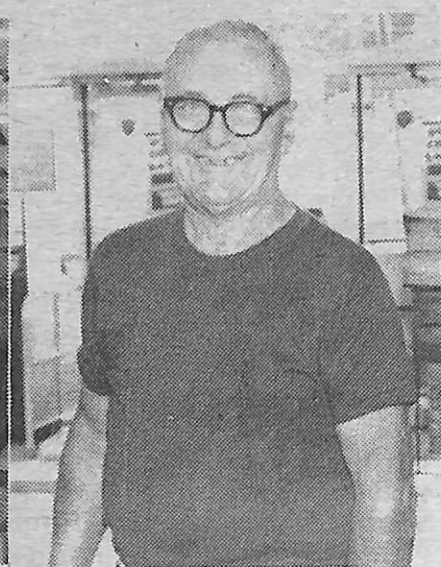
BOB JOHNSON & SON CHRIS - "We can't wait for football."



FRED FLATHAM - "Players were more at fault but both sides were stubborn."



DENISE FITZGERALD - "My husband and I won't get to a baseball game now."



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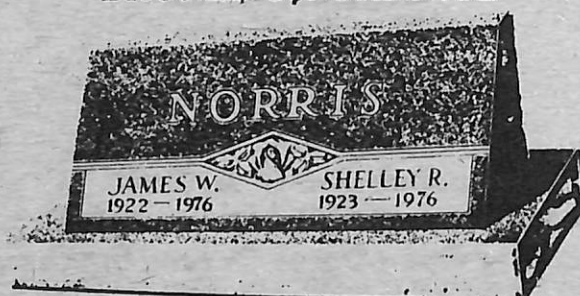
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Men's Softball League Standings

(Final Standings)

A DIVISION

Bay State Oilers	22-3
Tri County Sales	15-10
Showcase Inter.	15-10
Diplomat Lounge	15-10
Village Lounge	15-10
Dante Club	14-11
Marie Kane Realty	10-15
Buccaneer Lounge	8-17
F.H. Public Mkt.	6-19
Agawam A's	6-19

B AMERICAN DIVISION

Silver Carriage Inn	21-4
Agawam Moose Club	20-5
Agawam Turners	20-5
Italian Sporting Club	18-7
Buccaneer Lounge	17-8
Clean Machine	15-10
Elbow Lounge	14-11
Agawam Legion	13-12
Southgate Lounge	12-13
Spartan Saw	11-14
Willard Realty	10-15
Jessica's Lounge	9-16

B NATIONAL DIVISION

Pond/Ekberg	17-8
Sportssman Club	14-11
Grimaldi Oilers	13-12
R.A.B. Customs	12-13
Agawam Jaycees	9-16
Baystate Woodworking	9-15
Insurance Ctr.	8-17
Spfld. Newspapers	7-18
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Grease Causing Tree Damage

The practice of banding trees with grease, petroleum jelly, Tanglefoot, and similar materials has resulted in considerable tree damage.

According to the Hampden County Extension Service, many trees are now showing severe injury and even death from the effects of petroleum products applied directly to the bark. Bark in most cases is dead and separating from the wood.

Extension specialists estimate more shade trees may have been killed during the past two years by this caterpillar-control method than defoliation itself.

Trees banded with aluminum foil, burlap, plastic or tapes have not shown any damage to this point. However, it is recommended that all such bands be removed immediately.

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On Sports

BY JOHN DALTON

Do you know how Bear Bryant got his nickname?

It goes way back to the days when Bryant, 67, legendary head football coach of Alabama, was just a farm boy in the 1920s in Moro Bottom, Ark.

Like most boys, Paul Bryant wanted to impress his childhood sweetheart.

Paul saw a sign announcing that any youth could earn \$1 a minute by wrestling a bear in a traveling carnival. So, he decided to take a chance.

Both the youngster — who wisely backed out after a quick scuffle — and the bear survived without injury. But it was the birth of a local nickname.

And "Bear" Bryant eventually married a college sweetheart.

Today, public bear wrestling — clearly dangerous for both the animal and the human participants — seems to be making a kind of comeback.

In recent months, wrestling bears have been exhibited in most major American cities. Some have appeared on television programs, too.

So, the United States government is reminding Americans that public bear wrestling contests — where the audience is invited to participate — are illegal.

"Both the bear and the human challenger could be hurt," explains John K.

Atwell, a senior veterinarian with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He works for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Atwell says, "Bears are unpredictable and incredibly strong. If provoked by only a slightly painful act, a bear could easily inflict a blow causing serious injury. That's true even if, as usual, a wrestling bear is declawed and muzzled by the owner."

Atwell cites new legal confusion involving bear wrestling.

"Recent court decisions around the country have said public bear wrestling doesn't violate state or local cruelty to animals laws," Atwell notes. "However, it does violate the Animal Welfare Act."

He says, "Exhibitions where a trainer wrestles a bear are not illegal, because professional trainers know the quirks of their animals and how to protect their animals and themselves from injury."

Under the Animal Welfare Act, exhibitors must handle their animals so neither the animals nor the public is harmed.

"In most cases, that means exhibitors must prevent contact between an exhibit animal and a viewer," Atwell says.

Bear wrestling promoters must be licensed by USDA under the Animal Welfare Act. And performances by unlicensed exhibitors are illegal.

So, forget bear wrestling. There are easier ways to earn a nickname.

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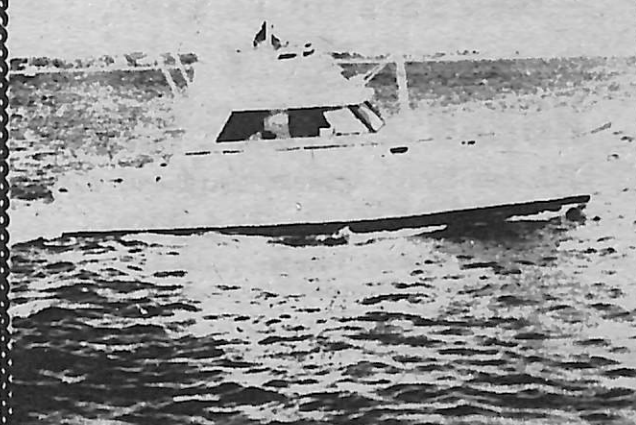


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Joyce Cadorette and Joseph Cabot, two of the new individuals involved in bringing to Agawam FOUR SEASONS (Match Point), take time out for a Jack Devine photo with Ted Lincoln, who is turning over the operation known as the Pioneer Valley Racquet Club. The new principles are planning to expand and remodel the facility into a total sports complex. Photo by Jack Devine.

"Four Seasons" (Match Point) To Offer "Total Sports Facility"

The Pioneer Valley Racquet Club will soon change hands.

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Soon, the tennis racquets that are now well-known at the club will also include a wide range of athletic competition including racquetball (ten courts), squash (two courts), basketball, volleyball, platform tennis, table tennis, nautilus and aerobic exercise systems, golf (a putting green) and 20x40 foot indoor swimming pool.

All of this and more should be available for us weekend warriors around November 1. The braintrust behind the new operation are Joseph Cabot of East Longmeadow and Jack Fitzgerald of Longmeadow, who are entering the process of purchasing the Pioneer Valley Racquet Club, the first indoor tennis facility in Western Massachusetts, from well-known area tennis buff Ted Lincoln, president of the corporation that brought the club to this area back in 1967.

The two new owners stressed that the expansion and remodeling operation will not interfere with the

summer or winter tennis programs now being offered by the club. Mr. Lincoln, they said, will remain at the club for consultant purposes during the transition process.

Pioneer Valley, under the guidance of Lincoln, who is considered a tennis pioneer in this area, constructed four indoor and nine outdoor tennis courts and an outdoor swimming pool.

The new owners stressed the multi-purpose sports complex as the movement of the 1980's.

The physical therapy aspect of **FOUR SEASONS** will play a major role in the new complex, according to the new owners, both of whom are racquetball enthusiasts.

Part of the program will find experts going into area firms and corporations to discuss health fitness and how to deal with stress.

A cardiovascular stress unit for heart attack victims and for those with heart problems also will be established at the complex.

For Fitzgerald and Cabot, the combined costs of their ambitious endeavor may exceed the \$2 million figure.

For members, the fees are set (tentatively) at \$150 for a family and \$100 for a singleton. The membership fee includes use of the entire facility except for court time.



Sportsmen Corner

By Bill Chiba

The Division of Law Enforcement will layoff eleven officers and remove one of its two coastal patrol boats from service as a result of the 1981-82 budget cuts.

For the first time in many years, the Division of Law Enforcement had neared its authorized strength of 78 officers following graduation of 21 men and 3 women at the State Police Academy last winter.

Patrol districts will be realigned so that all towns will be covered, but this will result in each of the remaining officers having a patrol area of about 300 square miles of territory. On September 1, 1981, before the hunting season gets underway, division strength will stand at 57 Natural Resource officers.

The offshore patrol boat "Jessie" will be removed from service leaving one ocean-going environmental patrol boat to cover all 2000 miles of Massachusetts coastline.

Dennis P. DeCarli, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, has called a meeting to deal with the regulations for the 1981-82 waterfowl hunting season in Connecticut. The public hearing will be held on September 1st at the Dekoven House Community Center in Middletown, Conn. Federal regulations and their implementation in Connecticut will be the subjects of the sessions.

The blues are in at the Race in Connecticut. Party boats are making two trips per day. Skip Rising took a party of six a week ago to the Race, and they boated 59 blues and lost 50 to 60.

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HARMON SMITH (center), back in 1933, flanked by assistant coaches Ray Montagna (left) and Sam Provo (right).



HARM SMITH'S 1940 UNDEFEATED, UNSCORED UPON CHAMPION, at Memorial Field, behind the present day Middle School, which once served as the town's high school. Team members were, front row from left; Leo Loncrini, Bob Nottman, John Walker, Bob Healey, Alfred Daglio, Leo DeForge and Roger Heywood. Back row, Ed Nielson, Fred Jeserski, Harm Smith, Ed Mason, and Joe Pisano. This was one tough bunch Harmon used to say.

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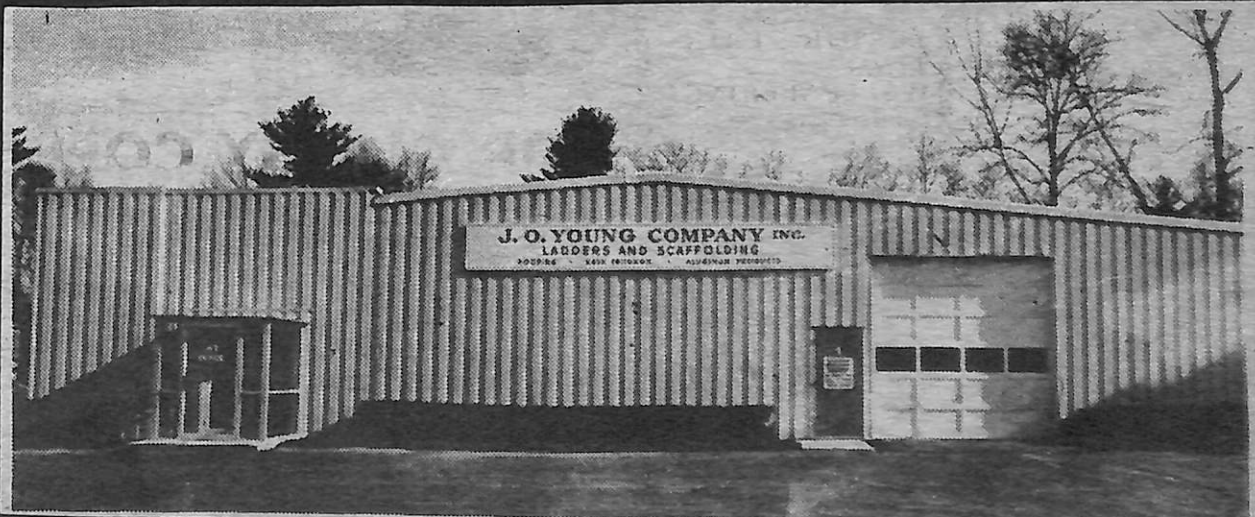
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